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Serial No.	09/977,159	Group Art Unit	Firmin Backer
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TITLE	METHOD, SYSTEM, AND PROGRAM FOR SECURELY PROVIDING KEYS TO ENCODE AND DECODE DATA IN A STORAGE CARTRIDGE		

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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is submitted in response to a non-final Office Action dated November 18, 2008 in which the Examiner rejected claims as directed to non-statutory subject matter (35 U.S.C. §101) and rejected all the claims as obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over cited art. Applicants add claim 45 and 46 and claims 47-74 which include the requirements of pending claims in system and article of manufacture forms. On February 19, 2009, the attorney for Applicants and the Examiner held a phone interview to discuss amendments and arguments to advance prosecution and distinguish over the cited art, which are submitted herein. Applicants traverse the prior art rejections and submit that all pending claims 1, 3-5, 7, 8, 10-16, and 44-75 are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

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